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BLYTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Interim Report of the Medical Officer of Health.
for the year ended 31st December, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Blyth Rural District Council.

My Lord, My Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with war-time practice the Minister of Health requires that an interim report only should be made for the year 1942 and that vital statistics and other records should be carefully preserved.

Measles and Whooping Cough were not so prevalent as last year but some 63 and 50 cases respectively were notified.

Diphtheria immunisation continued during the year and although it is impossible to get accurate figures I estimate that by the end of the year 70% of children under 5 years had been treated and 73% of those between 5 and 15. It should be noted that immunisation is not usually carried out under 10 months so that of the children under 5 who were eligible, 84% were protected. Again County Council, Teachers and Nurses co-operated. One case of Diphtheria was notified in a child under 15 who had been immunised before coming to this county and some six months before the onset of the disease.

Some 66 cases of Scabies were brought to my notice during the year, involving 30 families. Ten children and a mother from three families were sent to hospital after prolonged treatment at home. In two of these families there was a recurrence of the disease. One boy was sent back for a further course of hospital treatment, but the condition again recurred.

There was no material change in the incidence of Tuberculosis.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. M. Burns.

Medical Officer of Health.

